

# Weekly Views

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Friday, November 7, 2008

*"I know nothing grander, better exercise, better digestion, more positive proof of the past, the triumphant result of faith in human kind, than a well-contested American national election." ~ Walt Whitman*

Offenders from Edinburgh Correctional Facility assisted volunteers at Lords Locker in Trafalgar, IN as they handed out over 300 coats to children in the local communities.

Miami Correctional Facility allowed children of staff members to come in during Halloween and have their Trick or Treat candy x-rayed. 11 children of 5 staff members took advantage of the opportunity, and all candy was found to be safe.

On Halloween, Indianapolis Parole District #3 Supervisors and Parole Agents, along with Central Office staff, participated for the third consecutive year in Operation Safe Halloween with Marion County Probation. Attendance among Parolees was high, with 98 percent of expected parolees attending.

The Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), a worldwide Christian television station based out of southern Illinois, visited New Castle Correctional Facility and interviewed the chaplains, Christian inmates, Superintendent Jeff Wrigley, and Program Director Mick Craig for an upcoming production.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's CMS staff hosted its first health fair for offenders. The fair offered tips on how to lose weight, blood pressure screenings, diabetes prevention, and flu shots.

The Christian Motorcycle Association recently held services at the Pendleton Correctional Facility in the Outside Dormitory, as well as in the Religious Services Building inside the facility.

Supervisors and Parole Agents from Indianapolis Parole District #3 recently participated in a sweep with IMPD North District officers in response to a rise in violence in the North District in Indianapolis.

Indiana Air National Guard representatives visited with Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility students. Students learned about enlistment and career possibilities and how the National Guard keeps Indiana and the nation safe.

Westville Correctional Facility's PLUS unit graduated 23 more offenders from the program this week. Many of the graduates had friends and family in attendance. Chaplain David Link, Deputy Director for Religious and Volunteer Services, was the main speaker.

Three Angels Broadcasting Network visited Pendleton Correctional Facility and videotaped the Reality Check Program and Christmas Behind Bars for a program scheduled to air in December.

Correctional Industrial Facility held its 5<sup>th</sup> PREP (Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program) weekend. 21 offenders with their significant others attended presentations and activities to enhance relationships by learning communication skills.

Offenders from New Castle Correctional Facility donated 8,879 community service hours to the City of New Castle and Henry County in October 2008.

Branchville Correctional Facility's PLUS unit donated \$300 to the United Way Food Coalition to restock food pantries.

Westville Correctional Facility's new music group performed their first facility concert for staff and offenders. The music group is under the direction of local performing artist and WCC Counselor Fred Hebert. The group, "Time & Tunes," presented a variety of numbers for everyone's enjoyment.

Correction: Agents and Supervisors from Parole Districts #3 and #4A participated in surveillance training in conjunction with Cumberland Police Officers, retired DEA officers, IMPD Vice Officers, and IMPD Covert Operations Officers. The training will assist Agents in monitoring high risk sex offenders in the community.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner